

REMARKS

As agreed in a telephone conversation with Examiner Martinell and the undersigned, 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(i) and (iii)-(iv) do not require applicants to submit a marked-up copy of the replacement pages submitted on September 27, 2003. Specifically, 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(i) requires an instruction that unambiguously states the location of paragraphs to be deleted, replaced or added. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii) states that the text of any added paragraphs are to be presented "without any underlining" and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iv) states that "The text of a paragraph to be deleted must not be presented with strike-through or placed within double brackets."

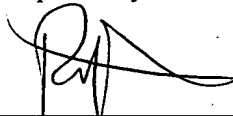
Applicants have complied with the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1). In the response submitted on September 27, 2003, applicants clearly stated the location of the paragraphs to be deleted. The deleted paragraphs were not presented with strike-through or placed within double brackets, and the added paragraphs did not contain underlining.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney or agent concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

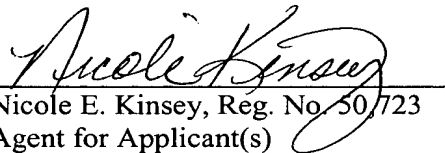
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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